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Miss J. Peabody

George W. Peabody 28. June 1813

Imagine not dear sister  
that two years absence has erased you from  
my memory. Nor impute my remissness  
in not before answering your interesting  
letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> April, to any diminution  
of love, when I assure you not a day  
passes but what brings you and the rest  
of my friends to my memory, and makes  
me more, and more regret the loss of their  
society. I however pass my time as pleas-  
-antly as can be expected so far from them.  
The acquaintances I have formed are not very  
numerous, but agreeable, most particularly the  
society of some young ladies, which can  
only be exceeded by that of my distant  
friends, which I expected to have enjoyed  
for a short time before this, but owing to  
the situation of our business. I regret to  
say it will be impossible for me to have  
title next spring, at which time I  
anticipate



anticipate with pleasure a short visit at  
Thetford, where I have spent some of my  
pleasantest days, and on which I often derive  
pleasure in commemating, and at which place  
I think with your Thetford friends, you cannot  
but pass your time agreeably. But in my  
situation I cannot feel that ease & tranquility  
I should wish, as the management of the business  
in which I am engaged entirely devolves on me,  
and subjects me to all the cares and anxieties  
that generally attend it. We are also under  
considerable apprehensions of an attack from the  
British upon this district, so much so that the  
President has made a requisition of 500  
men, which have been ordered on duty, and are  
now encamp'd within sight of this place, I  
was one of the detach'd number, but fortunately  
the day previous to the draft attach'd myself  
to a choir of Artillery, otherwise it would  
have cost me from 50 to 75¢ for a substitute,  
My duty however now is not the easiest having  
to meet every other day for the purpose of  
drill



Write likewise, and which is the case with every  
person capable of military duty in the district,  
— Almost every mail from the Southward  
brings account of some new depredations com-  
mitted in the Chesapeake Bay. This days brought  
accounts of the destruction of Hampton  
a small town near Norfolk, and the pas-  
sengers in the stage mention that when they  
left families were moving from Norfolk  
in every direction, expecting an attack  
from the British — The President is  
dangerously sick, he has sent 50 miles for  
a Physician — My last letters from  
Achsah was in May the family was in good  
health — Achsah informed me that Uncle W  
was in N.Y. I wish you to inform me in  
what part of the City he resides, as should  
I go on there this fall. I should like to  
call on him — I hope Uncle Ephraim has  
recovered his health before this, my respects  
to him, and all the rest of the folks  
and — Remain yr aff<sup>l</sup> Brother  
Geo. Peabody



- Tell Grandier I shall for the future, <sup>send him</sup> one  
of the Papers Printed in this District

George & Calverly's great loss  
to his sister's "Gentle".

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Mrs. Judith Roberts  
son of Mr. J. K. Dodge

Shelton  
Vermont

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